

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A keypad assembly for a portable radiotelephone comprising:
 a printed circuit board having a plurality of metal domes;
 a keypad rubber disposed on the printed circuit board and having bosses formed integrally on the positions corresponding to the plurality of metal domes;
 a sensing means disposed on the keypad rubber; and
 a key button part disposed on the sensing means,
 whereby the keypad assembly is exclusively used in one of a touch screen function using the sensing means ~~[[or]]~~and a key button function electrically contacting the metal domes ~~is selectively and exclusively used~~ according to ~~[[an]]~~a predetermined input mode of the radiotelephone.
2. (Original) The keypad assembly for a portable radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the sensing means is a capacitive sensor.
3. (Original) The keypad assembly for a portable radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the key button part is a film sheet attached to the upper surface of the sensing means, the film sheet having a plurality of numeral keys printed thereon.
4. (Currently Amended) A portable radiotelephone comprising:
 an input unit having a keypad which physically integrates a touch screen panel and can alternatively function as the touch screen panel;
 a control unit for generating a control signal to operate the input unit exclusively as one of the touch screen panel and ~~or as the keypad~~ according to an input mode ~~[[set]]~~predetermined by a user; and

a power supply unit for exclusively supplying a driving power to the touch screen panel or the keypad according to the control signal from the control unit.

5. (Original) The portable radiotelephone according to claim 4, further comprising a character recognition unit for converting a coordinate value into a character code when the input unit functions as the touch screen panel, the coordinate value being produced from the input unit by a user's contacting an upper surface of the touch screen panel.

6. (Original) The portable radiotelephone according to claim 5, further comprising a display unit for displaying a character corresponding to the character code from the character recognition unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A method of exclusively operating a touch screen panel or a keypad in a portable radiotelephone having the keypad which physically integrates the touch screen panel and can alternatively function as the touch screen panel, comprising the steps of:
determining whether or not an input mode shift key is inputted;
shifting the input mode from a keypad input mode to a touch screen input mode if the input mode shift key is inputted; and
cutting off a driving power supplied to the keypad, and supplying the driving power to the touch screen panel.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
determining whether or not the input mode shift key is inputted;
shifting the input mode from a touch screen input mode to a keypad input mode if the input mode shift key is inputted; and
cutting off the driving power supplied to the touch screen panel, and supplying the driving power to the keypad.